

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2748**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Section 1266 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2748, as introduced, Furutani. Unemployment insurance: retraining benefits.

Existing law provides for unemployment compensation benefits to eligible persons who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Existing law declares that it is the policy of this state to assist these individuals by providing unemployment compensation benefits, extended duration benefits, and other federally funded unemployment benefits, including those available under the federal Trade Act of 1974, as amended by the federal Trade Act of 2002, during a period of retraining.

This bill would additionally specify that it is the policy of the state to assist unemployed individuals by providing retraining benefits available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1266 of the Unemployment Insurance
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1       1266. Experience has shown that the ability of a large number  
2 of the population of California to compete for jobs in the labor  
3 market is impaired by advancement in technological improvements,  
4 the widespread effects of automation and relocation in our  
5 economy, and foreign competition as set forth in petitions certified  
6 under the federal Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Title 19, United  
7 States Code, Sections 2101 et seq.). The Legislature finds that  
8 many individuals in California are lacking in skills which would  
9 make them competitive in the labor market. They are in need of  
10 training or retraining in skills required in demand occupations. It  
11 is the policy of this state to assist these individuals by providing  
12 unemployment compensation benefits, extended duration benefits,  
13 and other federally funded unemployment compensation benefits,  
14 including those available under the federal Trade Act of 1974  
15 (Public Law 93-618), as amended by the federal Trade Act of 2002  
16 (Public Law 107-210), *and the American Recovery and*  
17 *Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 110-5)* during a period of  
18 retraining to qualify them for new jobs in demand occupations and  
19 thus avoid long-term unemployment.